



Housing Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 34

PART 6

OTHER PROVISIONS ABOUT HOUSING

CHAPTER 1

SECURE TENANCIES

Right to buy: information

189 Information to help tenants decide whether to exercise right to buy etc.

(1) After section 121 of the Housing Act 1985 (c. 68) insert—

“121AA Information to help tenants decide whether to exercise right to buy etc.

- (1) Every body which lets dwelling-houses under secure tenancies shall prepare a document that contains information for its secure tenants about such matters as are specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The matters that may be so specified are matters which the Secretary of State considers that it would be desirable for secure tenants to have information about when considering whether to exercise the right to buy or the right to acquire on rent to mortgage terms.
- (3) The information contained in the document shall be restricted to information about the specified matters, and the information about those matters—
 - (a) shall be such as the body concerned considers appropriate, but
 - (b) shall be in a form which the body considers best suited to explaining those matters in simple terms.

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- (4) Once a body has prepared the document required by subsection (1), it shall revise it as often as it considers necessary in order to ensure that the information contained in it—
 - (a) is kept up to date so far as is reasonably practicable, and
 - (b) reflects any changes in the matters for the time being specified in an order under this section.
- (5) An order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

121B Provision of information

- (1) This section sets out when the document prepared by a body under section 121AA is to be published or otherwise made available.
 - (2) The body shall—
 - (a) publish the document (whether in its original or a revised form), and
 - (b) supply copies of it to the body’s secure tenants,
 at such times as may be prescribed by, and otherwise in accordance with, an order made by the Secretary of State.
 - (3) The body shall make copies of the current version of the document available to be supplied, free of charge, to persons requesting them.
 - (4) The copies must be made available for that purpose—
 - (a) at the body’s principal offices, and
 - (b) at such other places as it considers appropriate,
 at reasonable hours.
 - (5) The body shall take such steps as it considers appropriate to bring to the attention of its secure tenants the fact that copies of the current version of the document can be obtained free of charge from the places where, and at the times when, they are made available in accordance with subsection (4).
 - (6) In this section any reference to the current version of the document is to the version of the document that was last published by the body in accordance with subsection (2)(a).
 - (7) An order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”
- (2) In section 104(1) of that Act (provision of information about tenancies), in paragraph (b) (information about Part 4 and Part 5), omit “and Part V (the right to buy)”.

Commencement Information

- II** [S. 189](#) wholly in force at 18.1.2005; [s. 189](#) in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent and in force otherwise at 18.1.2005, see [s. 270\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)\(a\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act savings and transitional provisions for amendments by S.I. 2022/1166 by [S.I. 2022/1172 Regulations](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 66(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 66(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 89(1A) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 89(3A)(3B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 125\(6\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 139(7A)(7B) inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 127\(3\)](#)